

REMARKS

Claims 10-22 are pending. Applicants have amended claims 10 and 19 herein so that claims 10-22 stand pending for examination in this application.

Applicants also have amended the specification and drawings to overcome objections as described below. Entry of these amendments to the claims and specification and drawings is respectfully requested.

No new matter is added.

Responses to Examiner's Comments Regarding Specification and Title

As to the comments about amending the disclosure to include material incorporated by reference, Applicants do not perceive that there is material that needs to be inserted to overcome any objection, rejection, or other requirement. Accordingly, Applicants have not made an amendment in this regard. If there is a specific requirement perceived by the Patent Office, a more detailed explanation in the next Office communication will be appreciated.

As to the title, Applicants have amended the title herein following the Examiner's suggestion, which is appreciated.

Drawings

Applicants wish to point out the physical size and functional differences, in un-amended FIG. 2, between the adapter piece labeled as 34 along the top of the combustion chamber 4 and the adapter piece labeled as 34 along the bottom of the combustion chamber 4, above arrow designating "IIIC". Also, it is noted that there are adapter pieces, not identified at the top and the bottom, that correspond to adapter pieces that are identified along the opposing top or bottom side.

Considering the clearly depicted size differences and the juxtaposition of adjacent adapter pieces, and the disclosure, particularly paragraphs 0016 and 0040, it appears to Applicants that FIG. 2 depicts sets of adjacent adapter pieces both at the top and bottom of the combustion chamber 4, and that each 'set' of such adapter pieces comprises an first adapter piece that functions as a 'plug' to enter within a second, somewhat larger adapter piece that functions as a

'socket,' and that together these provide a plug and socket connection. This is supported by FIG. 3b and the discussion of that figure in paragraph 0040.

Accordingly, Applicants have amended FIG. 2 and the specification herein to clarify that the smaller sized adapter piece is a plug-type adapter piece and is identified as 34-P, and that the adjacent larger sized adapter piece is a socket-type adapter piece and is identified as 34-S. These identifying component numbers are provided for each adapter piece of each set in FIG.2, and are supported by the paragraph 0016 and the original figures themselves. This not only overcomes the drawing objection but also clarifies FIG. 2, which before the amendment herein assigns the same component number to two adapter pieces that visually have a size difference.

Also, to maintain consistency with these amendments, FIG. 3b is amended herein to identify the adapter piece as 34-P.

Consideration and entry of the amendments to FIG. 2, FIG. 3b and paragraphs 0016 and 0040 are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection under 35 USC 112

Claims 10-22 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. (It is noted that the Office action incorrectly identifies the lower range of these claims as claim 1 rather than claim 10. Claims 1-9 were previously cancelled.)

Applicants amend claims 10 and 19 to remove "can be" and add "are." This positively recites the plug and socket connection and does not add new matter.

Consideration and entry of these amendments are respectfully requested.

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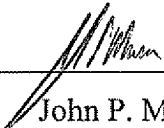
Conclusion

Applicants believe the above amendments place this application in condition for allowance.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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